

ing the first year: and annually thereafter the said trustees, thirty days prior to the time for levying the county taxes, shall report to the said Board of Commissioners of Carteret County what sum is necessary to support and maintain said graded schools during the next year. The taxes levied for the support of said schools, as hereinafter provided, shall be annually collected as other taxes are collected, and paid over by the sheriff or other collecting officer to the Treasurer of Carteret County for the safe-keeping and proper distribution of the same, and the said tax levied and collected for said graded schools shall be kept sacred and separate and distinct from other taxes by the said officers, and shall be used only for the purposes for which they were levied and collected.

Collection and settlement of tax.

Tax to be kept sacred and separate.

SEC. 5. That the trustees to be appointed for said graded schools, as hereinafter provided, are hereby created, and their successors shall be, a body corporate by the name and style of the Board of Trustees of the Beaufort Graded Schools, and by that name shall be capable of receiving gifts, grants and apportionments, purchasing and holding real estate and personal property, selling, mortgaging and transferring the same for school purposes, and of prosecuting and defending suits for or against the corporation hereby created. Conveyances to the said trustees shall be to them and their successors in office, and all deeds, mortgages and other agreements affecting the real estate and personal property shall be deemed sufficiently executed when signed by the chairman of the said board of trustees, and attested by the secretary of said board.

Trustees incorporated.

Corporate name.

Corporate powers.

Conveyances to trustees.
Execution of conveyances.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of said board of trustees to establish graded public schools for the white and colored children of said Beaufort Graded School District, and the said board of trustees shall use and appropriate the funds derived from said special tax herein provided for in such manner as shall be just to both races, without prejudice, and giving to each equal school facilities, due regard being had, however, to the costs of establishing and maintaining the graded schools for each race.

Duties.

SEC. 7. That the board of trustees, whose appointment is provided for by this act, shall have entire and exclusive control of the public schools and property in said district; shall prescribe rules and regulations for its own government and the government of the schools, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act: shall employ and fix compensation of the officers and teachers of the public schools in said district; shall make an accurate census of the school population of the district, as required by the general school law of the State, and do all other acts that may be just and lawful in the management of the public school interests in said district: *Provided*, that all children resident in the said district between the ages of six and twenty-one years

Powers of trustees.

School census.

Proviso: free tuition.